

# Attention Carriers

## Beware of telemarketers that may be using inaccurate and/or dishonest information regarding safety audits.

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Telemarketing and other companies may contact you regarding safety and drug and alcohol training programs that they are selling. Some may suggest that you are required to purchase their programs or that you will be unable to pass a safety audit without completing their training first. Before agreeing to purchase any of their programs, it may be beneficial to look at all of the resources that are available on-line at **No Cost** to you. There is **NO** training that is required to be completed before a safety audit.

The Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration (FMCSA), has a list of all the requirements for new carriers available at: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/registration-licensing/NewEntrant-faq.aspx>

The Educational and Technical Assistance Manual gives carriers all the information necessary to comply with the federal regulations. It is available at: <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/safety-security/eta/index.htm>

All of the federal motor carrier safety regulations are available on-line. You can search and print any regulation you need for **FREE** from their website. <http://www.fmcsa.dot.gov/rules-regulations/rules-regulations.htm>.

Carriers over 26,001 GVWR or who carry passengers for compensation, carry hazardous materials that require placards, or operate Interstate are required to participate in a random drug and alcohol testing program, (FMCSR 382.2). It is up to the carrier to determine what drug and alcohol testing program or company will work the best for their company. It may be helpful for carriers to check with several companies to ensure they get the most cost effective option.

During a safety audit, the Idaho State Police have an opportunity to help commercial vehicle carriers know and comply with the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration's safety regulations. Companies who fail a safety audit will be given 45 or 60 days depending on their operation type, to complete their corrective action and send the information in to the FMCSA service center. During that time, the carrier can continue operating like normal. Only the carriers who fail to contact the Idaho State Police to schedule an audit, or do not submit their corrective action are subject to the out of service process and possible revocation of vehicle registrations.

If you need additional assistance, please contact the Idaho State Police Commercial Vehicle Safety Office at 208-884-7220 or 208-884-7043.